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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you following the question raised about Mermaids in the Welsh Parliament by [REDACTED]

Mermaids have been supporting transgender, nonbinary and gender-diverse children, young people, and their families since 1995, evolving into one of the UK's leading charities supporting gender-diverse people. We empower thousands of people with secure online communities, local community groups, helpline services, web resources, events and residential weekends. Between April 2021 and March 2022, Mermaids received over 34,000 referrals to the helpline, underlining our work's extent and importance.

Our direct work supporting young trans, non-binary and gender-diverse children offers us unique insight into the challenges facing this marginalised community.

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At this time, we are awaiting the outcome of the Charity Commission's regulatory compliance [case](#); however, we are continuing to provide support to the thousands of young people and families who need us and remain proud of the services we offer.

Mermaids are enormously grateful for the support you have offered to the trans community over the years, particularly around the need for reform to the Gender Recognition Act.

As such, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the issues raised by your colleague in the Welsh Parliament and to share with you evidence and experiences facing our service users.

If this would be of interest to you, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,

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